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Dear Parents/Carers,

To complement our study of the Great Fire of London, we have invited History Off the Page to provide a Great Fire of London Experience Day in school on Wednesday 6th July 2022.

The 1996 Education Act requires us to ask you to contribute voluntarily to the cost of the visit rather than charging you directly for it. However, if we do not receive sufficient contributions, the visit will not be able to take place. We are asking for a parental contribution of £7.50 and payments can be made via your Parentmail Account. Please note that you will receive a link later today via Parentmail. The payment link will be available for contributions until the end of the Summer Term.

History Off the Page is a company which provides immersive and practical history workshops to schools. The workshop, which will take place in the school hall during normal school hours and will give us a feeling of what it was like during this time period.

On the day, your child will experience life as it would have been in 1666 London before, during and after the Great Fire. The children will learn about the issues of the time, with the opportunity to participate in a range of cross-curricular activities and crafts. The children may keep the items they make.

A simple costume will help your child feel part of the day. Please see the attached information sheet for some ideas.

We would appreciate adult help during the day and we welcome your participation if you are able to attend. Please contact the School Office or your child's class teacher with your availability.

Thank you for your support

The KS1 Team



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## Get ready to be a 1666 Londoner with History Off the Page!

Very soon History Off the Page will visit your school for a Great Fire of London Day. To help you feel like a Londoner from the time period, we recommend you put together a simple costume. Looking like a Londoner will help you feel like a Londoner. Costumes do not have to be fancy – you can do a lot with clothes you already have! Here are some ideas:



### Girls' Costume

**Smock:** This can be a plain shirt with a large collar.

**Kirtle:** Use a long, preferably plain, skirt.

**Bodice:** A man's plain waistcoat will do if you have one. Or you could wear a long, plain dress with a belt or cord tie.

**Apron:** Preferably plain white. You could attach a rectangle of white material to a tie (without gathers or pockets.) The tie could be a belt or cord tie, or a plaited wool tie.

**Shoes:** Any flat, sturdy shoes will work.

**Coif:** This is a cover for your head. A triangle of white material tied around the head to hide the hair. The long ends are tied over the hanging point, which is then tucked over the knot.

### Boys' Costume

**Smock:** This can be a large plain shirt with a large collar and a belt or cord around the waist.

**Doublet:** You could add a plain waistcoat, if you have one, as a doublet.

**Hose:** Tuck plain, dark, baggy trousers (such as track-suit bottoms) into long socks.

**Shoes:** Any flat, sturdy shoes will work.

*Please do not come dressed as a specific person.*

